



# TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT BOARD

## SIDEWALK DEVIATION REQUEST GUIDELINES

### ITEMS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN EVALUATING DEVIATIONS:

- Zoning in the project area, both now and projected (planning studies?).
  - Five (5) foot minimum unrestricted width; less width requires a deviation.
  - Connectivity between pedestrian generators and destination (identify).
  - Pedestrian safety.
  - Environmental concerns (if any) limiting R/W width
  - Public acceptance/resistance to R/W takes.
  - Limited access facility (such as highway I/C, ramps) ?
  - Current Board policy is sidewalks on both sides for urban projects, one side for small cities, anything less requires a deviation.
  - When looking at generators/destinations for pedestrians, consider the following:
    - ✓ Along route \*
    - ✓ Beyond project termini, pass through \*
    - ✓ Adjacent to route \*
- \* identify on current aerial map or plan view (in 8 1/2" X 11" format **PREFERABLY**)
- No obstructions in sidewalk limits; requires a deviation for placing features inside limits such as poles, fire hydrants, etc.
  - Sidewalks must conform to ADA requirements.
  - The agency is to prepare a short typewritten response to each issue. It will be used by the committee to evaluate the deviation request.

TIB STAFF WILL INTRODUCE THE PROJECT TO THE COMMITTEE, AND THEN TURN THE MEETING OVER TO THE AGENCY TO PRESENT THE SIDEWALK DEVIATION REQUEST.

- Presentation limited to 15 - 20 minutes, about 10 minutes for questions.
- Lead agency should know what the costs would be to construct sidewalks without the desired deviation.
- Written commitment is necessary if gaps are to be filled in, in the future (if deviation granted).
- Are there advantages to construct later? Developer funded , etc.
- The lead agency must be at the Committee meeting and WSDOT should be there if applicable, other involved agencies attend at the lead agency's discretion
- The committee is very knowledgeable on this subject, the lead agency should be prepared to answer detailed questions.

THE **SIDEWALK COMMITTEE** , AFTER REVIEWING THE DEVIATION REQUEST, WILL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD ON THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN.